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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO LECTURE

THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM LTGEN
M.N. BATRA, COMMANDANT NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE TO PROVIDE A
"REALLY" QUALIFIED SPEAKER ON "AMERICAN GLOBAL MILITARY STRATEGY",
8 APRIL 1974.

THE DEFENSE ATTACHE ASKED GENERAL BATRA WHAT SORT OF INVITATION
HE WAS ISSUING. HE REPLIED THAT IT WAS FROM THE COMMANDANT OF
THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT RPT NOT
AN INVITATION FROM THE GOI. THAT, HE SAID WOULD REQUIRE
MILITARY HONORS AND SUCH. THIS WAS A SIMPLE INVITATION TO COME
AND SPEAK.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT WE RECEIVED A SIMILAR INVITATION
LAST YEAR, AND BECAUSE OF ITS QUALIFIED NATURE, DECIDED NOT
TO ACCEPT. THIS TIME WE PROPOSE THAT WE ACCEPT. OUR RELATIONS
WITH INDIA HAVE CHANGED SINCE THEN. PEACE INDIGO IS IN FULL
SWING, THE GOI IS PREPARING TO BUY OTHER EQUIPMENT, AND INDIAN
OFFICERS HAVE RESUMED TRAINING IN US MILITARY INSTITUTIONS.
A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INTELLIGENCE)
HALL VISITED NEW DELHI AND MET SOCIALLY WITH AN ARRAY OF SENIOR
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INDIAN MILITARY AND CIVIL OFFICERS. ACCEPTANCE OF BATRA'S

INVITATION WOULD CONTINUE THE DESIRABLE TREND BACK TO GOOD
MILITARY-TO- MILITARY RELATIONS.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE LEVEL OF THE OFFICER WHO COMES SHOULD
BE COMMENSUATE TO THE NATURE OF THE INVITATION AND THE STATE
OF OUR RELATIONS. WE THINK AN OFFICER OF ONE OR TWO STAR
RANK, PERHAPS FROM THE JOINT STAFF, WOULD BE ABOUT RIGHT.
WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH AN OFFICER HERE AND WILL ASSURE HIM A
VERY PLEASANT AND REWARDING VISIT WITH US, AT VERY LEAST.
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